

WINGSPREAD

Maintaining the mission



Pete Rodriguez, 12th Aircraft Maintenance Division, works on the engine of a T-38 aircraft. Aircraft maintenance crew members work shifts 24 hours a day. They maintain all assigned aircraft and engines for all pilot instructor training. There are 420 civilians assigned to the 12th Maintenance Directorate. (Photo by Steve White)

2005 vehicle decals issue of supply vs. demand

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

“Windshield decals have been a way of life for decades, so why is there a problem now with getting decals for 2005?”

This is a complaint Randolph security forces people are hearing a lot these days, said Lt. Col. Stephen Spurlin, 12th Security Forces commander.

“Unfortunately, this is a supply and demand problem,” he said. “The decals issued here to identify privately owned vehicles registered on base come through the Air Force publications supply system. We’re authorized to receive 900 decals per month. The problem is that we have a demand for upwards of 2,700 per month.”

When questioned about that number, he referenced the population of active duty, Reserve, Guard, civil service, civilians and retirees who register their vehicles here often have multiple vehicles. As a result, there are currently about 45,000 vehicles requiring Randolph decals each year, he said.

Other Air Force bases are having the same problem at this time, but coordination among the San Antonio area bases resulted in a plan to work together as much as possible. However, Colonel Spurlin cautions Randolph drivers that security forces on other bases may ask for additional identification during the normal base entry ID checks if the current year decal is not displayed.

Fort Sam Houston uses a locally procured decal for vehicles registered there. In order to work with Air Force people in the

San Antonio area, they agreed to recognize Randolph’s “2004” decals at least through Feb. 15.

Headquarters Air Education and Training Command has requested that all AETC commanders devise local plans to work through this problem until the publications channel opens up.

“We will work with all our customers as best we can,” said Master Sgt. Joann Krafft, Randolph visitor center NCO in charge, “but when each month’s allocation of decals are gone, we have to wait until the next month. We are currently providing about a third of our monthly allocation to the Retiree Affairs Office on base because so many of our customers expect to use that venue. That at least helps with the processing of requests.”


12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday			Navigator, EWO training				Wing Flying Hour Program			
Pilot Instructor Training										
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall	562nd FTS	563rd FTS			Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
99th FTS	3.0	1.2	Air Force	274	Undergraduate	44	T-1A	3091.4	2975.6	12,184
558th FTS	-5.0	-4.1	Navy	77	International	0	T-6A	4379.2	4493.7	17,290
559th FTS	-8.3	-4.0	International	0	EWC Course	7	T-37B	2380.6	2337.3	8284
560th FTS	-5.8	-3.1	NIFT	21	Fundamentals	0	T-38C	2453.4	2608.3	9,729
							T-43	1080.3	1090.3	4,293

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2004 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2005.



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to provide satisfaction, the
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Col. John Hesterman
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Your AEF needs you

Support from every Airman vital to combatant commanders

By Maj. Gen. Bob DuLaney
U.S. Air Forces in Europe director of air
and space operations

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – For
the past six years, our Air Force has used
the Air Expeditionary Force construct to
meet the air and space power needs of our
nation, tweaking the AEF as necessary to
improve it and adapt it to meet emerging
challenges. One of those adjustments has
been to expand the pool of AEF-eligible
Airmen.

The Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John
Jumper, said it best.

“Let me be perfectly clear. In our Air
Force, every Airman is expeditionary, every
Airman will know his or her place in the
AEF system, and every Airman will be
prepared to support the combatant
commander, whether deployed, in CONUS
via reachback, or employed at home station.
If you are wearing the uniform of the
United States Air Force, you are part of the
AEF.”

That seems pretty clear to me. Note the
lack of any escape clauses such as, “unless
you’re really important,” or “unless you’re
an O-6.” Our nation is at war and our
combatant commanders need you,
regardless of rank or position, and they

need you to be ready to fight when you
reach their theater.

The AEF process was designed with
predictability in mind. By placing you in an
AEF bucket, you can enjoy some measure
of stability by knowing when you can
expect to deploy. This affords you, your
family, your co-workers and your
supervisor an opportunity to plan for your
absence. Use this valuable lead time to get
your personal life in order, including
finances, wills and childcare plans.

It is also imperative to get your
professional life in order. Update or create
your continuity books so those left behind
can cover your duties and ensure continued
mission success for your unit. Take a look
at your professional military education and
promotion timelines and make appropriate
plans. Do you need to take care of any
performance reports or feedback sessions?

Institutionally, we are getting pretty good
at making sure our Airmen are getting their
personal lives in order, but we also need to
make sure we are taking care of the unit
when our men and women proceed down
range.

Supervisors and leaders, your
involvement is critical to our success. You
also need to plan for your troops’ rotations.
Find a replacement or plan on redistributing

duties to other members of your team. Will
there be some degradation and turmoil?

Probably, but what everyone needs to
understand is we are all in this together –
we are at war. As an Air Force, we must
support our combatant commanders.

Don’t try to “protect” your key players
from the AEF. If they are really that good,
then our combatant commanders need them
more than you do! Almost all of us train
during peacetime to perform a wartime
mission; you owe it to the American
taxpayers to put their warriors into the fight.
As an added bonus, a key player’s absence
provides opportunities for those left behind
as they step up to fill in or learn a new duty.
It truly can be a win-win for our Air Force.

We will continue to prosecute the global
war on terrorism for the foreseeable future.
Our AEF concept has proven very effective
over the last several years at putting air and
space power where we need it, when we
need it. Your role is to be ready, personally
and professionally, to take the fight to our
nation’s enemies. If you are in a leadership
position, make sure your team is ready to
fight or carry on the home station mission
when individuals from your team deploy.

No matter who you are, if you are
wearing Air Force blue, your AEF needs
you.

Airlift: Behind the scenes work force
forms lifeline for Coalition forces

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Sturkol
416th Air Expeditionary Group Public
Affairs

KARSHI-KHANABAD AIR BASE,
Uzbekistan – Since I am on my second
deployment in less than two years, I have
noticed something about what the Air Force
does that I have often taken for granted:
airlift.

Why airlift?
Simple. It is the bread and butter of the
deployed force. It is one of the most used
resources in all of the theaters of operation.
On my way to this deployed base just
recently, I truly understood that.

As I left the United States in late

December, I embarked on what many of us
refer to as the “rotator,” a civilian airliner
chartered to bring military members to their
overseas assignments and deployments.

On my rotator flight, there were Airmen,
Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, along with
other authorized passengers. Over the
course of several dozen hours and multiple
stops, I had a chance to talk to some of
them going overseas, many for the first
time.

At our first stop after leaving the United
States, I was talking with two security
forces troops who were out of the country
for the first time.

One of them said, “This is awesome.”
The Airman, a native of Illinois who was

fresh out of security forces technical school
training and being stationed overseas at his
first base, showed that raw excitement of
being somewhere new, and getting there
was all due to airlift.

I sat next to a young Airman, whom I
learned was going to be a gunner on an AC-
130 Spectre. He was deploying for the first
time also. He talked of how intense his
training was and how excited he was to be
going out on his deployment supporting the
war on terrorism. He also stated how
impressed he was with the amount of
coordination it takes to fly people in and
out of the theater. Airlift in action once
again.

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Congratulations Retirees

Jan. 11
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Air Education and Training
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Airlift

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I also came across numerous National Guard Soldiers and Airmen from across the United States. All of them were headed to a variety of forward operating areas, including my deployed base. Each one I talked to had his or her own unique experience to share about flying the friendly skies throughout the world, courtesy of airlift.

Airlift used throughout the areas of responsibility takes many forms, such as the C-17 Globemaster III, C-130 Hercules, KC-135 Stratotanker, C-5 Galaxy, KC-10 Extender and others. Looking at the big picture, since the start of Operation Enduring Freedom on Oct. 7, 2001 through March 2003, the Air Force flew more than 48,000 airlift missions, moving more than 513,026 passengers and 487,000 short tons of cargo to the Afghanistan area of operations. Now that is airlift in action!

The crowning moment for me during my enlightenment about airlift came from someone I least expected, a member of a foreign military service supporting the multi-national task force in Afghanistan. He said he was “incredibly impressed” with the work the United States has done getting aid and supplies into support progress in Afghanistan, much of it due to airlift. That discussion took place on my last stop before arriving at my deployed base.

My flight into “K-2,” as the base is known to most here, was on a C-130, a plane I rode on many times just a little more than a year ago in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is an airlift workhorse if I have ever seen one.

Touching down on the K-2 runway, I looked back at the C-130 loadmaster doing his work, moving around the pallets of cargo. That is when I realized that is where the hard work was done. The work that makes our deployed warriors get to the fight and win the war on terrorism.

Much of the work done by airlifters is done behind the scenes and that is the beautiful thing about it. Because it is done so well, we hardly notice it sometimes. But for me, I certainly won’t take it for granted anymore. Airlift, in any form, is a beautiful thing.

Seize opportunities, move forward

Proactive attitude helps Airmen climb, soar in career

By Col. John Kenney
82nd Medical Operations Squadron commander

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – “Flight 254 from Salt Lake City to Dallas is now boarding.”

Bidding my family farewell, I hurried through the terminal gate, made my way down the entry ramp and found my seat on the huge Boeing 767 that soon would be headed east towards Sheppard. Eventually the pilot declared “We are No. 1 for departure.”

As the enormous engines moved the aircraft to the middle of the runway, I recalled my basic understandings of wing design and lift. I thought to myself the only way the pilots are going to get this enormous structure of metal, luggage and people off the ground is to seize this opportunity to move forward, and do so forcefully, without hesitation.

The engines roared, then screamed; the plane surged ahead, pulling 400 passengers deep into their seats; the markings on the tarmac quickened and then blurred as we gained speed. Within minutes the overhead sky turned to a bright blue and we climbed and then soared at 660 mph, 35,000 feet above the snow-covered mountains, fog and clouds.

As I reflected over this miraculous aerodynamic event, I thought, this is like our careers in the Air Force. When we seize opportunities and aggressively move forward we are positioned to climb and soar. When we sit and wait or just bide time, we never get off the ground.

Years ago, I attended an airman leadership school graduation where the speaker acclaimed the importance of seizing opportunities. He related his early Air Force career in the security police career field where, as an airman first class, he was assigned to guard B-52 Stratofortress aircraft, often at night and in frigid weather. He recalled how he and his buddies developed poor attitudes and basically sat around and complained, sometimes getting into trouble.

One Saturday morning, the NCOIC came to the dorms

looking for volunteers to serve as gate guards over the weekend. His friends, the speaker said, refused to volunteer while he thought “Why not, I’m not doing anything else.”

That weekend while on gate duty, he made it a point to present a professional image, salute sharply and smile at each person entering the base. His demeanor drew the attention of a couple of chief master sergeants and the wing commander. He was selected to continue the gate duty and soon came to know many base personnel.

Within months he was selected to work in wing headquarters. After a few years, while his friends continued to guard B-52s, he completed his degree and obtained a commission. Thirty years later, he retired as a general officer.

This retired general credited his success, in part, to the opportunity he seized that Saturday morning years ago.

The take-home message: never pass up an opportunity, even if it means taking a risk; you never know where the experience might lead. Be first to volunteer for special projects, community activities, extra responsibilities or something you have not done before.

That singular opportunity may be your ticket to a great, perhaps wonderful life-changing event.

If we are to climb and soar in our careers, in addition to seizing opportunities, we must aggressively and continually move forward. We move forward by setting goals and priorities and persevering until we achieve each goal.

We know what we need to do: finish career development courses, finalize professional military education, complete one or two academic degrees, prepare for promotion testing, develop writing and speaking skills, obtain certifications and learn more about our job and the jobs of others in our organization.

As we begin this New Year, each of us would do well to ask ourselves, “Are we just biding time, waiting for the next phase of our life to begin, or are we seizing opportunities and aggressively moving forward, positioning ourselves to climb and soar?”

News

Processing ensures well equipped deployments

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

“Room, “Ten-hut!” The wing commander walked in and told everyone to take their seats.

That was about all the formal military protocol that was visible during a recent deployment processing session conducted by members of various units on Randolph. But there was no missing the professional attitudes during the entire morning’s activities as 29 people worked their way through the processing lines. Those 29 people are shipping out in the next few weeks to destinations around the world as part of the global war on terror.

In his short statement to the deploying Airmen, Col. John Hesterman, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, reinforced the commitment Air Force people are making to the global war on terror. “If you need anything,” he said, “or your families need anything, call me. And thanks for what you are going to do.”

The people in the deployment processing center worked smoothly and quickly to ensure that each person passing through the lines received accurate, complete and friendly service. The walls in the room where the records were checked are festooned with camouflage netting and samples of the equipment each Airman later found in their mobility kits.

“All the people behind the counter have done this before,” said 1st Lt. Judith Bush, 12th Mission Support Squadron, “so they know what to look for. And we all know just how serious this deployment business is. I was deployed last year myself, so I understand what’s going through their minds.”

The lines moved like well-oiled machines. The only delays came as small groups took turns to inventory the contents of their mobility bags. Even here, the mobility people of the 12th Logistics Readiness Squadron were highly organized. The warehouse was full of tall racks holding everything from parkas to gas masks, mess kits to mittens, helmets to flak vests, all arranged so the technicians could quickly find just the right things to complete the individual checklists for each member.

When each deploying member reached the “mo-bag” line, he or she found a full set of clothing and supplies already marked with the correct name – everything ready to be checked off on the inventory list that applies to the destination country.

According to wing officials, the base currently has 106 people deployed to 15 countries around the world, each of which has different checklists for people deploying there. Another 89 people are slated for deployments in the next few months.

“We’ve done this often enough to work most of the bugs



Members of Randolph preparing to deploy in support of global operations process through the mobility line Jan. 5 in Building 52. As of Monday, 106 people from Randolph are on deployments away from home. (Photo by Steve White)

out of the process,” said 1st Lt. Frederic Doss, Randolph Installation Deployment Officer. “But we’re always ready to adjust whatever is necessary to meet changing requirements. We respond to needs in the deployment areas of responsibility. That’s where the war is real. Our job is to make sure the people deploying from here start out with the right equipment.”



2nd Lt. William Ackman
AC-130 (EWO)
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



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C-130
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B-52 (EWO)
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2nd Lt. William Barnhart
C-130
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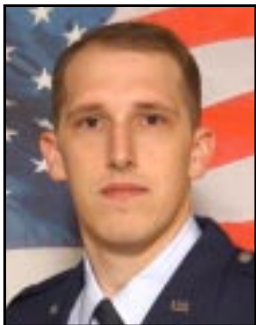
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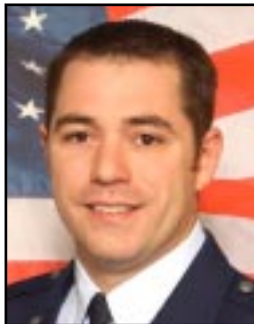
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P-3
Whidbey Island NAS, Wash.

JSUNT graduation set for today

Twenty-three Air Force and seven Navy aviators receive their navigator and naval flight officer wings during a Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training graduation ceremony here today.

The ceremony is at 10 a.m. in the Randolph Officers' Club. The guest speaker is Colonel George Gagnon, 53rd Wing vice commander at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

As vice commander, the colonel is responsible for overseeing the fighter and bomber operational testing and

evaluation, and tactics development and evaluation in the areas of electronic combat, armament, avionics and aircrew training devices.

Colonel Gagnon is a master aviator with more than 2,500 flying hours in the B-52.

Col. George Duda, 12th Flying Training Wing vice commander, is presenting the students with their respective service's silver wings or gold wings, as well as presenting four special awards during the ceremony for student achievement.

Re-enlistees

Thirteen Randolph Airmen re-enlisted in December. The re-enlistees are:

- 12th Logistics Readiness Squadron
- Staff Sgt. David Robinson
- 12th Mission Support Group
- Master Sgt. Anthony Gardener
- 12th Mission Support Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Lisa Compton
- Tech. Sgt. Audrey Curvin
- 12th Operations Support Squadron
- Senior Airman Rodney McCulloch
- Tech. Sgt. Brian Woodard
- Tech. Sgt. Cornelius Lewis
- Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron
- Senior Airman Suzan Melego
- AFROTC Southwest Region
- Tech. Sgt. Thomas Determann
- Air Education and Training Command
- Tech. Sgt. John Thompson
- Master Sgt. Peter Toves
- Air Force Personnel Center
- Staff Sgt. Ailiyea Boyden
- Staff Sgt. Amelia Jimenez

NEWS BRIEFS

Family support center job opening

Applications are now being taken for the position of deputy director of the Randolph Family Support Center. The person in this senior NCO position supervises military and civilian personnel and manages a team of volunteers. He or she directs daily operations for the family support center and is the primary military advisor to the center's staff.

Applicants must submit a military resume and copies of their last five enlisted performance reports. The application must be coordinated with the person's unit commander. The position is a minimum three-year tour and must be filled no later than March 15. The deadline to apply is Feb. 1.

Forward information to 12 MSS/DPF, Attn: Elizabeth McKinley. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Don Green at 652-5321.

Air National Guard travel pay

Air National Guard members should contact their home base to conduct travel pay business. Advances and accruals can be requested through fax, MyPay or e-mail. ANG members should not expect to receive travel advances from active duty bases. Headquarters ANG point of contact is Chief Master Sgt. Kim Adams, DSN 327-0873.

Rabies vaccination project

The base environmental flight, in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture, is conducting a study of ways to prevent skunk's from getting rabies.

Beginning this month, for six weeks, brown square blocks of bait will be distributed to outdoor locations around base, including the housing areas. The bait is not harmful to children or pets.

Housing residents are asked to take the following precautions:

- keep cats and dogs vaccinated and contained
- do not touch dead animals
- wash a bitten or scratched area immediately with soap and water, and seek medical attention
- report bites or scratches to public health at 652-2455
- baits should be left alone and moved only if necessary with paper towels and gloves

For more information, call 652-4668.

Wilford Hall medical appointments

Medical appointments at Wilford Hall Medical Center clinics can now be made by calling (210) 916-9900. The only clinics retaining direct numbers are Behavioral Health and OB/GYN.

Legal career field opens to captains

Calling all captains! The Judge Advocate General Corps is looking for active duty captains who want to be Air Force attorneys to apply for the Corps. Two programs are available to assist candidates in obtaining a legal education without leaving the Air Force.

The first program is the Funded Legal Education Program. It is a paid legal-studies program. Program applicants must be active-duty captains with between two and six years of active-duty service as of the first day of law school.

The second program is the Excess Leave Program. The ELP is an unpaid legal-studies program. Program applicants must have two to 10 years’ active-duty service before entering law school. They must also be captains with less than three years of time in grade or below as of the first day of law school.

“The (programs) round out the JAG Corps by supplying a cadre of uniquely experienced officers who combine law school educations with operational Air Force time,” said Maj. Rachel VanLandingham, recruiting branch chief for the Air Force Office of the Judge Advocate General. “As a result, the Air Force gets mature legal advisers with a unique understanding of Air Force missions.

The goal of both programs is to provide commanders with the best legal advice possible, tailored to evolving Air Force needs, said Major VanLandingham .

Both programs, which provide the Air Force with lawyers who already have a good understanding of the military, begin accepting applications in January, JAG officials said.

Applicants must have completed all application forms and applied to a law school that is accredited by the American Bar Association; however, acceptance into the school is not required at time of application. They must also receive their Law School Admissions Test results and complete a staff judge advocate interview by March 1.

Qualifications are found in Air Force Instruction 51-101, Judge Advocate Accession Program, and online at www.jagusaf.hq.af.mil.

For more information, contact Major Elizabeth Schuchs-Gopaul in the base legal office at 652-6781.

Free tax return service offered

Beginning Jan. 24 the Randolph Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program is providing free federal income tax return preparation to active duty servicemembers, retirees, and their respective family members with a valid military ID card.

In order to file taxes, members must have all of the following information:

- ◆ Valid military ID card
- ◆ Social Security cards (all names on tax returns must be identical to the SSN card)
- ◆ All W2s including:
 - wages and salary
 - sale of stock or mutual funds
 - 2004 Do-It-Yourself moves
 - 1099s
 - Social Security income forms
- ◆ Information regarding stocks, bonds, mortgages, other income, etc.

- ◆ Last year’s tax returns (if possible)
- ◆ Bank account number and bank’s routing number (for EFT for your tax refund)

The tax center cannot help people unless they have all their financial paperwork.

Active duty servicemembers will have at least one unit or squadron Unit Tax Advisor available to provide assistance in completing tax returns. Members are advised to please use the UTAs as much as possible because the legal office tax center is reserved primarily for retirees and overflow active duty servicemembers.

The legal office tax center is located in Building 100. They will begin scheduling appointments Jan. 18. W2s are now available on the MyPay Web site at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. For more information about UTAs or to schedule an appointment at the legal office tax center call 652-1040 or 652-1041.

Personnel center NCO STEPs into senior ranks

By Tech. Sgt. James Brabenec
AFPC Public Affairs

For Master Sgt. Walter Butler, the Monday morning blues may be forever gone following his Stripes for Exceptional Performers promotion.

Sergeant Butler, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Air Force education and training branch at the Air Force Personnel Center, received his new stripes from Maj. Gen. Tony Przybylsawski, AFPC commander and Chief Master Sgt. Rick Padgett, Chief of Air Force education and training branch, who teamed up to honor AFPC’s newest senior NCO.

“First, I must give credit to my parents, Ann and Walter Senior, who instilled in me the commitment to always do my best,” said Sergeant Butler. “In addition to their guidance, I’ve worked with some outstanding people throughout my career who had great work ethics and great customer service skills. Their professionalism helped shape me into the NCO I am today.”

Among his accomplishments, Sergeant Butler saved the Air Force more than \$900,000 by working

450 7-level training seat swaps and rewrote two Air Force instructions making more than 180 needed changes. He also developed a comprehensive on-the-job-training guidance plan which benefited more than 400 career field functional managers in more than 300 Air Force specialties.

“Sergeant Butler is a quiet and diligent professional who is unstoppable in getting the tough jobs done,” said Chief Padgett. “Beyond that, his support to the community is exceptional having volunteered as one of 10 Randolph members to represent the base during San Antonio’s ‘Celebrate America’s Military Week’ and on several Habitat for Humanity projects. This selfless commitment to the mission and people makes Sergeant Butler a perfect choice for the STEP program.”

Calling his promotion an extraordinary event, Sergeant Butler said he’s eager to face the new challenges inherent with his promotion.

“All that anyone can ask for is an opportunity to prove their worth, and I have been given that,” he said. “I’m excited to be a master sergeant and to take on the responsibilities that come with this rank.”

Medical wing from Lackland deploys to Iraq

By Master Sgt. Kimberly Spencer
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – More than 70 people assigned to the 59th Medical Wing departed Jan. 3 to relieve their counterparts at the Air Force Theater Hospital, Balad Air Base, Iraq.

Others will follow throughout the month with a final count of more than 250 people deployed and expected to return in May.

“Here at the wing our deployments are continuous; while one AEF is deploying, one is returning home and one is preparing to go,” said Maj. Ron Little, 59th Readiness Squadron deputy commander. “Balad is our largest commitment, but we can’t forget we have (people deployed) at numerous in-theater locations and supporting humanitarian civic assistance missions.”

“Operation Iraqi Freedom continues to set the pace for our deployers, and our Airmen remain as dedicated as ever,” said Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Charles Green, 59th MDW commander.

For one individual, the deployment will be the realization of a dream.

Two weeks after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Senior Airman Phillip Rolén joined the Air Force to help his country fight terrorism. Meeting his wife, Amie, at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, while attending technical training in 2002 and recently having become the father of 4-month-old twin girls, Abby and Kaidy, has not changed his mind.

“This is what I joined for,” Senior Airman Rolén said about his deployment. “Being away from my wife and kids will be hard, but I am proud to be a part of this mission.”

The 59th Medical Operations Group member will be in charge of the supply operations for the Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility at Balad which oversees all patient evacuations in and out of the base.

“I’m very proud of my husband,” Mrs. Rolén said. She also served at Wilford Hall Medical Center in the labor and delivery unit, separating from the Air Force in July shortly before the twins were born.

“The families of our deployed Airmen are an important part of our Air Force family, and we do our best to ensure they are taken care of while their loved one is deployed,” said Chief Master Sgt. Richard Hollins, 59th MDW command chief master sergeant.

The Wingman Program is one way to do that, Chief Hollins said.

The program matches coworkers of deployed Airmen with their families to ensure they receive up-to-date information and any help needed while the deployed members are away.

Families also have access to the extensive resources of the family support center which offers assistance with day-to-day tasks and coping strategies.

“By knowing their families are taken care of in their absence our personnel can better perform their duties overseas,” Chief Hollins said.

Through it all, the 59th MDW will continue its commitment to patient care in San Antonio.

“Our personnel continuously fill mobility positions in all health specialty fields,” General Green said. “This deployment will be no different and should have minimal impact on the services we provide to our patients.”

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)



Capt. Terri Leitch, a staff nurse with the 859th Medical Operations Squadron, hugs daughter Sara prior to deploying Jan. 3 with a group of more than 70 people to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. (Photo by Master Sgt. Kimberly Spencer)

Scientists study advanced aviation warning system

Series of laser signals designed to enhance pilot safety, avoid confusion

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing
Public Affairs

BROOKS CITY-BASE, Texas – Air Force Research Laboratory scientists have launched a study that supports the development of a new flight-warning system designed to significantly enhance pilot safety.

Incidents of general aviation pilots violating controlled airspace led to the study, which focuses on safely using laser light for a new aviation signaling system.

“It became obvious to air traffic controllers that a secondary warning system beyond radio communications is needed to let pilots know to change course,” said Maj. (Dr.) Laura Barnes, principal investigator for the optical radiation branch in the laboratory’s human effectiveness directorate.

The potential for navigational confusion near critical

infrastructures prompted the aviation community to find an effective secondary signal warning system, Major Barnes said. This proposed system would be a better alternative to today’s broadband light sources, such as ground-based warning lights, that cannot be effective across long distances.

The study, being conducted in phases, began with a preliminary investigation using experienced pilots. Ten pilots observed a series of laser signals, varying in intensity, during simulated day and night flight scenarios.

“We’re fine-tuning the system to ensure that cognitive interpretation (of the laser signals) is satisfactory,” Major Barnes said. Specifically, the proposed signaling system must not be confused with the many distracting light sources typically encountered over urban areas and must not hamper navigation.

(Courtesy of Air Force Material Command News Service)

Course changes enhance enlisted professionals

By Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Air Force officials recently standardized enlisted professional enhancement courses and changed the supervisory structure for career assistance advisers and First Term Airman’s Center course managers.

These changes enhance enlisted professionals by linking formal training, education and on-the-job training to develop Airmen’s technical skills and leadership abilities, officials said.

“We have tremendous talent within our ranks and we owe (Airmen) the opportunity to develop their abilities and recognize their potential,” Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray said.

More than two years ago, Chief Murray and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper created a developmental roadmap to grow capable leaders through exposure to the right training, education and experience. This led to the implementation of the Enlisted Professional Enhancement Program, officials said.

To foster that development, the career assistance adviser now has functional oversight of enhancement courses and the center. The adviser will be assigned directly under the mission support squadron commander and the noncommissioned officer in charge of the center reports to the adviser. Both will be hired locally. The adviser will be a master or senior master sergeant serving for two years. The center supervisor will be a staff or technical sergeant serving for one year.

The career assistance adviser structure provides standardization for enlisted force development programs, said Senior Master Sgt. Maria Cornelia, superintendent of the career management branch.

“The original intent of the career assistance advisers was to serve as retention warriors for the wing. However, (their role) has evolved, and we are calling on them to

assist with force-development and force-shaping initiatives.”

Before standardization, base commanders created a variety of education programs to augment professional military education.

“While some of these programs were excellent, they lacked consistency from base to base,” Chief Murray said. “With this initiative, we’ll have a solid curriculum to provide Airmen at every base the same foundation while still allowing flexibility to adapt to meet local needs.”

There are now four standardized courses:

❑ Senior NCO professional enhancement is designed for Airmen selected for master sergeant. This mandatory course must be at least three to five days long.

❑ NCO professional enhancement targets NCOs who have not attended formal professional military education within the past three years. Half of each base’s NCOs who meet the criteria must attend the course. Course length is also three to five days.

❑ FTAC is designed for Airman assigned to their first duty station. It lasts 10 to 15 duty days. All newly assigned Airmen must attend.

❑ The Right Decision Seminar targets first- and second-term Airmen, regardless of rank, who are 12 to 15 months away from their date of separation. Attendance for first-term Airmen is mandatory.

Commanders can tailor the courses, Sergeant Cornelia said.

“There is a core curriculum that must be taught along with some suggested material,” she said. “But there’s flexibility for commanders to add courses to meet local needs or requirements, as long as it all fits into the time limit.”

Air Force officials will complete the new instruction, AFI 36-2624, the Career Assistance Adviser and Enlisted Professional Enhancement Programs, before setting an implementation date for the new courses.

Campaign brings hope to Airmen

Air Force chaplains respond to pressures of service

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – A new initiative by the Air Force chaplain’s office aims to bring to Airmen something that cannot be issued – hope.

Air Force chaplain service officials kicked off a year-long and service-wide “Campaign of Hope” Jan. 3, said Chaplain (Col.) Bob Page, of the chaplain’s office.

The campaign started with a day of prayer and fasting Chaplain Page said. The actual day varied from base to base. “We believe prayer has a lot to do with finding hope,” he said.

The campaign came as a response to an increase in suicides among junior enlisted Airmen.

“There has been a tragic rise in the suicide rate, particularly among (airmen first class and senior airmen),” Chaplain Page said. “Not only with (them), but across the board there has been a rise in suicide rates, and we are deeply concerned about that. For every person who feels hopeless and in despair to the point of taking his or her life, it is a great tragedy and a loss to all of us.

“There are many pressures on our Airmen and their families, especially with deployments,” he said. “Building and

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chaplain’s office*

maintaining good relationships is difficult. One of the things about our Airmen is that they value relationships so much – family and close friends. What happens when a relationship seems to be breaking apart, when there seems to be no hope for that relationship? Does that mean there is no hope at all?”

Air Force chaplains, he said, want to help answer those questions for Airmen struggling with them.

“We want to be a counterbalance to what some are

experiencing as hopelessness,” Chaplain Page said. “We are asking how we can focus some significant, caring ministry on that group.”

Part of that ministry involves sponsorship of what Chaplain Page calls “hope tours.”

“This would be chapel-sponsored, (United Service Organization-style) morale tours,” he said. “We would bring great singers, speakers and entertainers to bring a message of hope and encouragement to troops and their families.”

As part of the campaign, chaplain service officials will be asking chaplains in the field what is working best for them as they minister to Airmen.

“We are initiating something called the Chief of Chaplains Grant Program,” Chaplain Page said. “We are calling on wing chapel teams to look at the needs on their base, particularly among (young Airmen) and ask where can (the teams) serve them and bring hope into their lives. We will fund the best of those proposals and share their ideas across the Air Force.”

The grant program will fund retreats for couples, programs to strengthen marriages and other initiatives to teach relationship building-skills to Airmen.

‘Scholarships for Military Children’ application deadline nears

By Adam Austin
Defense Commissary Agency Public Affairs

FORT LEE, Va. – The deadline to apply for \$1,500 scholarships from the Scholarships for Military Children program is Feb. 16, and applications must be delivered to a Defense Commissary Agency store by then.

At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants, agency officials said.

The application is available online at www.military-scholar.org, and at commissaries worldwide.

Edna Hoogewind, the agency’s liaison to the program, stresses that students should put emphasis on writing the essay that is required to accompany the application.

“In past years, the essay has been a key factor in deciding among the many outstanding applicants,” she said. This year’s topic is “How has the heightened awareness of terrorism impacted your life?”

Officials advise students who are not personally delivering applications to use a delivery method that supplies a return receipt. People applying online can click on the “Verification of Receipt” section. Scholarship managers will respond to “Verification of Receipt” e-mails until June 15, officials said.

Applicants should check all materials carefully for simple things like making sure the application is signed and that it is the 2005 application, officials said.

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children younger than 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active-duty

servicemembers, including Coast Guard, Guard and Reserve, and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the system and have current ID cards, officials said.

Applicants must be planning to attend, or be already attending, an accredited college or university fulltime in the fall term of 2005, or be enrolled in a program of study designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Fisher House Foundation administers the scholarship program. Scholarship Managers, a professional firm, screens applicants and awards the scholarships. Neither Fisher House nor the Defense Commissary Agency is involved in the decision process.

Civilians get career fields, counselors

Every Air Force civilian is now assigned to a specific career field, giving him or her a clear point of contact for career counseling. This marks the first tangible effect of civilian career field management, said Air Force Personnel Center officials.

Career field management is the civilian equivalent of the military’s force development. Both initiatives are aimed at deliberately developing Air Force leaders.

Each civilian position has been assigned to a career field regardless of series, grade or pay plan, and a career

field identification has been attached to each position, said Chrissy Ayers, standard core personnel document library manager. Career counselor contact information and the matrix used to code each position can be viewed online at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cp/.

Positions that do not clearly meet the logic on the matrix will be forwarded to AFPC officials for a career field determination, she said.

“This is a change in how we manage and sustain the civilian force,” Ms. Ayers said. “It’s part of the ongoing

process to bring the civilian and military personnel processes closer together.”

For more information, employees can call toll-free (800) 616-3775 (press 2 and follow the prompts). Overseas employees will first dial a direct access number for the country they are in, then (800) 997-2378. Hearing-impaired employees can call TDD (800) 382-0893, or commercial (210) 565-2276 if located within the San Antonio area.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Servicemembers with unique jobs sought for documentary

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Do you or someone you know have an intriguing job that many people would never guess exists in the military? If so, this may be your golden opportunity to shine in a made-for-TV documentary to be shot this summer.

Officials in the Defense Department’s joint advertising, market research and studies office are on the lookout for servicemembers with unique jobs to be

featured in a documentary that highlights the vast array of experiences and training the military offers.

Servicemembers willing to donate their time and stories have until Jan. 15 to nominate themselves or someone they know for the project through an online questionnaire.

Candidates will be selected in late January, and editing and production will take place this summer.

Besides highlighting jobs that the public may not necessarily associate with the

military, the documentary will also illustrate how servicemembers found their way to their unique jobs.

The audience will include parents, educators and other adults who help young people make decisions about their careers and futures.

Maj. Rene Stockwell, the office’s chief, said the goal of the documentary is to highlight the diverse opportunities the military offers to its members – particularly those beyond the well-known jobs held by fighter pilots, paratroopers

and computer experts.

“The military offers 4,100 different jobs, and this documentary will cover just a tiny fraction of them,” she said. “But we hope it will help whet people’s (appetite) so they will want to learn more about the military.”

For more information or an application, visit the Joint Advertising, Marketing Research & Studies Web site at http://www.jamrs.org/programs/documentary_casting_call.php.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Taking the plunge: Airman saves two from icy river, gains fiancé

By Susan Griggs
81st Training Wing Public Affairs

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. – A Keesler Airman plunged into an icy river Dec. 23 to save a woman and her baby from a sinking car just minutes after proposing to his girlfriend.

While home in Kellyville, Okla., Airman Basic Joshua Johnson went to Tulsa to propose marriage to Brittany Campbell on a pedestrian bridge over the Arkansas River. Moments after Airman Johnson’s proposal was accepted, the couple was returning to his truck when they saw a car swerve down an embankment and plunge into the river.

Airman Johnson pulled off his coat and hat and dove in.

By the time the 18-year-old Airman reached the submerged car, only its rear window and trunk were visible. He tried the driver’s side door, but it was locked. He banged on the roof of the car and told the driver, 34-year-old Detura Bills, to unlock it. When he helped her out, the car sank even lower. She screamed that her 2-year-old son, Brandon, was still buckled in his car seat in the back seat.

It took two more dives under the surface of the dark, frigid water for Airman Johnson to free the toddler from his car seat and swim to safety. Robert Ewens and Jerome Wade, who

had also jumped into the water, assisted with the little boy.

Airman Johnson said he doesn’t remember much of what happened once he got out of the water, except that someone took the little boy and he was taken to a car. Once out of the river, hypothermia shock set in. After emergency treatment at a nearby hospital, Airman Johnson was released to spend Christmas with his family and fiancé. Ms. Bills, Brandon and Mr. Ewens were also treated at area hospitals and released.

Throughout the ordeal, Airman Johnson clearly remembers focusing on saving the people inside the car. He considers himself a good swimmer, although he’s never had any

formal lifesaving training. He credited the Air Force with his quick “service-before-self” response to the crisis.

“All I was thinking was, ‘I don’t know who’s in there or what, but I need to get them out,’” he said.

Airman Johnson arrived at Keesler in October for basic electronic principles training in the 332nd Training Squadron and is continuing his training in the 338th TRS ground radar course and was surprised by the attention he’s received over the rescue.

“I did not expect this kind of recognition,” he said. “I didn’t do it for anything like that.”

“I’m very proud of him,” said his fiancé. “It was amazing. He didn’t even hesitate.”

Caution, courtesy urged at base crosswalks

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

“I feel that pedestrian crosswalks on base need to be addressed because, while most drivers do abide by the rules, it seems we have a few that need to remember the rules,” said Jane Floyd, a concerned Randolph pedestrian. “My understanding is that drivers are supposed to stop if you are waiting to cross the road at a marked crosswalk, or are in the middle of a crosswalk.”

Within the last few months, crossing the road near the Burger Bar and Air Force Personnel Center areas has been dangerous, said Ms. Floyd. Either drivers are not stopping to let pedestrians enter the crosswalk, or they are trying to drive across the crosswalk while someone is in the middle of it.

“I think drivers and pedestrians both need to abide by the rules at all times,” said Ms. Floyd.

Crosswalk safety is an on-going concern on Randolph, according to the 12th Flying Training Wing safety office.

Drivers should always be on the lookout for pedestrians, especially in high traffic areas such as around the Air Force Personnel Center, Pitsenbarger Hall, the base clinic or the base schools.

“A lot of people walk on base, whether to work, school or to do an errand,” said Staff Sgt. Dave Roller, 12th FTW safety office ground safety craftsman. “It is just as much the driver’s responsibility to look out for pedestrians as it is the pedestrian’s job to look out for drivers. We have to be aware of one another.”

Drivers should be especially careful on Harmon Drive, when arriving to work in the morning hours. This is the time



Crossing guard Angela Mazzara stops traffic on Harmon Drive to allow elementary students to cross the street to get to school in the morning. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

when children are using the crosswalks to get to school, and with the construction and early morning duty arrivals, motorists should take extra precaution when coming up to the crosswalk areas on Harmon Drive, and watch out for children.

Drivers on base should take the time to be courteous and stop at marked pedestrian crosswalks when people are trying to cross, said the sergeant.

Base pedestrians as well as drivers should remember to be careful and courteous when traveling the streets of Randolph, and look out for one another. Pedestrians need to

make sure the motorist sees them before they cross the street.

When crossing the street, pedestrians should look left, right, and then look left again before stepping off the curb to cross a street. They also need to continue to look and listen as they walk across the street, according to safety office officials. The crosswalks indicate a right-of-way, but they do not offer any physical protection.

“Pedestrians should only walk across the street when they are sure it is safe to do so, and they should keep looking for cars as they walk,” said Sergeant Roller.

If there is a crosswalk painted on the street, pedestrians should stay within the lines of the crosswalk to be safe, added Sergeant Roller. If they are riding a bike, the bike should be walked across the street, not ridden. Pedestrians should always walk across a street using the designated crossing areas when available.

If cars have passed the crosswalk, but are stopped and blocking the crosswalk, pedestrians should never walk behind the car that is stopped, said the sergeant. The stopped vehicle obstructs the visibility of the pedestrian to motorists traveling from the opposite direction.

“The driver might decide to back up and might not see the pedestrian behind him or her,” he explained.

“Some crosswalks have signals that flash or beep when it is safe to cross the street,” added Sergeant Roller. “The ‘walk’ and ‘don’t walk’ signals should always be obeyed.”

“Team Randolph members have to look out for one another – safety is an on-going responsibility,” said Sergeant Roller.

For more information on crosswalk safety, call the safety office at 652-1842.



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Civil rights leader honored, holiday observed

Base comes together to remember Dr. King

By **Jennifer Valentin**
Wingspread staff writer

Monday is a holiday of remembrance when the nation pauses to observe the life of civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. When the holiday was created, the law stated it should “serve as a time for Americans to reflect on the principles of racial equality and nonviolent social change espoused by Martin Luther King Jr.”

Born Jan. 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Ga., Dr. King was on an accelerated journey through life. According to The King Center Web site, he skipped the ninth and 12th grades, and he became a student at Morehouse College in Atlanta at age 15. As an undergraduate student, he was ordained as a minister and elected assistant pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church at age 18.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Morehouse at age 19, a bachelor of divinity degree from Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa., at age 21 and a doctorate in systematic theology from Boston University at age 25. Dr. King also studied at the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard University.

Dr. King was committed to the idea of equality for all people.

In some cities, blacks were forced to sit in the back of public buses and even had to give up their seats to whites. But in December of 1955, a black seamstress named Rosa Parks took a seat in the front of a bus in Montgomery, Ala. She was told to get up so a white person could sit down, and when she refused, defying the city’s segregated transportation ordinance, she was arrested.

Word quickly spread about the bus incident and Dr. King, who was the pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, decided to take action

against the injustice. He and other blacks organized a boycott of the bus company. The boycott proved successful and gained widespread public attention. It served as a model for many other similar actions by civil rights activists around the country,

according to The King Center.

Within six months, the courts declared the segregation of public transportation unconstitutional.

In the following years, Dr. King organized hundreds of boycotts, rallies and marches across the United States, and even though he was often beaten, imprisoned and injured, he never stopped teaching or practicing nonviolent protests.

On Aug. 28, 1963, men and women of all races, religions and political backgrounds participated in a March for Jobs and Freedom in Washington, D.C.

Dr. King delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech to more than 250,000 people that day at the Lincoln Memorial.

In 1964, at age 35, Dr. King became the youngest man in history and the third black man to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, according to The King Center.

Dr. King was shot and killed while standing on a motel balcony in Memphis, Tenn., April 4, 1968. He was in Memphis to help lead sanitation workers in a protest against low wages and working conditions.

Randolph is observing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with a commemoration breakfast sponsored by the Randolph Black Cultural Awareness Association today in the enlisted club.

According to the Randolph Military Equal Opportunity Office, observances such as the Martin Luther King Day observance are conducted to recognize the continuous achievements of all Americans to American culture and to increase awareness, mutual respect and understanding.

Since 1968, the Department of Defense has supported observances through the development of local programs of recognition and many diverse activities.

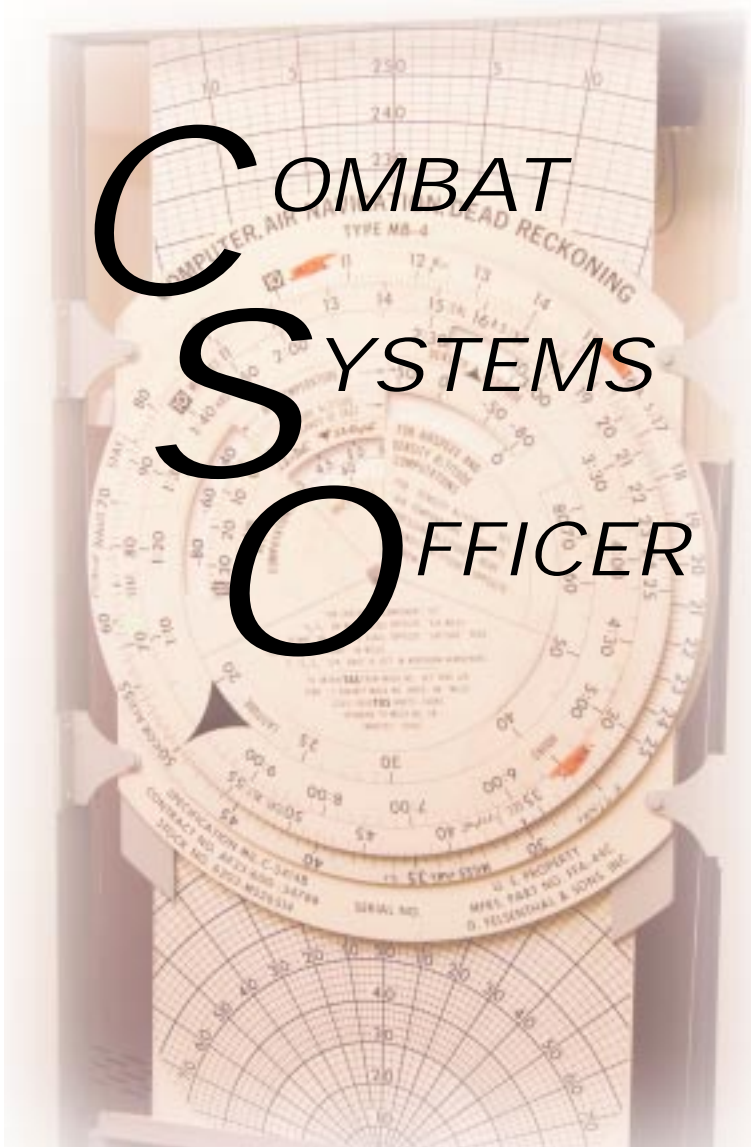
*Excerpts
from Martin Luther King, Jr.’s
‘I Have a Dream’ speech delivered on the
steps at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.
on August 28, 1963. (Source: Martin Luther King, Jr: The
Peaceful Warrior; Pocket Books, NY 1968)*

“...Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God’s children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood...”

“...I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.” I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today...”

“...When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God’s children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, “Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!”



Capt. Matt Stephens, instructor navigator from the 562nd Flying Training Squadron (center), reviews a lesson checklist with students 2nd Lts. James Miller (left) and Jorge Izarra (right) before they get airborne in a Randolph T-43 flying classroom. (Photos by Steve White)



A new Air Force tradition begins

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

Combat Systems Officers are part of the future Air Force. At Randolph, the future is now.

In a Chief of Staff memorandum dated May 28, 2002, Gen. John Jumper wrote, "This is an exciting time for the Navigator career field as this vector change will increase their opportunities and give the Air Force the rated officer needed to execute present and future missions."

"The cornerstone of this initiative," the memo continues, "is a redesigned flight and ground training pipeline which will produce an aviator skilled in advanced navigation systems, electronic warfare, weapons employment, and able to operate the complex systems so critical to the Air Force mission."

That memo set the ball rolling for what is a major change in the military flying community. When this training initiative is fully implemented, graduates of the CSO course will arrive at their first duty stations able to function immediately in the triple roles of navigator, electronic warfare and weapons employment officer.

What this means for the people of the 562nd and 563rd Flying Training Squadrons here is that, when Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training class P05-11A graduates in June, there will be no more JSUNT, said Lt. Col. Todd Zachary, 562nd FTS commander.

"We've been working for almost two years to design the new CSO course," the colonel said. "We went out to the field to talk with flying unit commanders and operations officers and field training units of the Air Education and Training



Lieutenant Izarra bounds up the steps to the T-43 with his hands full of the equipment and training materials he will use on the mission.

Command. We asked them to dream up their best aviator and tell us what they were looking for. We took their comments and gave them to the instructors and headquarters experts here who are some of the best Navigators, Electronic Warfare Officers and Naval Flight Officers in the Air Force and Navy."

The result of their work is the new interim CSO course. It combines and updates the training that formerly required separate tracks for navigators and electronic warfare officers, Colonel Zachary said.

"Under the old JSUNT program there were only 90 common training days between the navigation and electronic warfare courses. Now there are 138 common days," added Lt. Col. George Trumbull, 563rd FTS commander.

The Navy's flight officers will still break off at seven months to specialize in capabilities unique to Navy aircraft, just as they did in the JSUNT program, but all the basic course elements of the new course apply to joint service requirements.

"An important aspect of this change," Colonel Trumbull said, "is the inclusion of the latest technologies related not only to mission aircraft but also in the classroom. For example, when we teach about the latest developments in weapons systems, we do it with computer-based training systems."

The Battle Ready Electronic Warfare Trainer, a personal computer-based navigation, electronic warfare and weapons employment simulator is used in the operations phase of CSO training. "It will greatly enhance the tactical training and battlespace awareness up to and including the SECRET

classification level," the colonel said. "And the new Briefing Room Interactive training display system significantly enhances the ability of the squadrons' instructors to teach complex procedures."

Colonel Zachary said these changes are designed to ensure the students who graduate from the CSO course are prepared to board their mission aircraft ready to take on an increasingly broad range of responsibilities.

In line with this new vision for the navigator career field, additional elements of training are being explored.

"Navigator candidates now receive an introduction to flight training during which they take flight lessons leading up to their first solo flight," Colonel Zachary said. "This phase of training may be expanded to include completion of the private pilot's licensing."

"These are exciting times in our two squadrons," said Colonel Trumbull. "Some of our instructors are teaching parts of the old curriculum one day and elements of the new curriculum the next. But in the process, a new thing is taking shape that will affect the future of the whole Air Force."



First Lt. Jeremy Gould, 562nd Flying Training Squadron, checks out the navigator's training console in the T-43 as he prepares for a mission.



Capt. Mike Thomas, 563rd Flying Training Squadron CSO instructor, tracks the movement of simulated aircraft during a lesson about refueling missions.

Randolph volunteers play essential role



Mary Burns sorts clothes at the Randolph Thrift Shop. Ms. Burns is the thrift shop chairman and scholarship chairperson for the enlisted wives' club. (Photos by Jennifer Valentin)



Harold Longmire enters prescriptions into the computer at the pharmacy. Mr. Longmire has been a volunteer at the Randolph Pharmacy for about 17 years.

Randolph volunteers are an essential part of the base's mission, doing what they do, without pay, simply because they want to.



Base legal office volunteers Joseph Windisch, left, and Lorenzo Taylor witness several people signing their wills. The two volunteer at the legal office several hours per week. Mr. Windisch has been a volunteer for four years and Mr. Taylor has been a volunteer for three years.

Melinda Williams organizes crafts for the next Moms, Pops and Tots playgroup at the chapel center. Ms. Williams helps organize the family support center sponsored group held two times per week. The playgroup is for children ages 5 and under.



Fran Dailey answers a phone call at the chapel center. Ms. Dailey has been a volunteer at the chapel for 12 years, working as a receptionist, wedding coordinator, widow and widowers group coordinator, adult Sunday School teacher and a worship coordinator.

Family Fitness University delivers fun, health

By **Bob Hieronymus**
Wingspread staff writer

Personal resolutions are part of every News Year’s Day celebration, but keeping them is often another story. Making and keeping resolutions that affect the whole family is an even greater challenge.

“When it comes to families working together, we get into another whole dimension of resolution keeping,” said Lt. Col. Dawn Jackson, Aerospace Medicine Flight commander in the 12th Aero Medical-Dental Squadron.

“In order to help people bring those resolutions into reality, the base offers what we call the Family Fitness University. It has been around for several years, but this year it will be different,” said Pat Aguon, director of the base Health and Wellness Center. “Saturday, Jan. 22, from 9 to 12 a.m., under the banner of the FFU, the Randolph Integrated Delivery System committee will host a morning of fun and information for families who want to change or improve the way they do things together.”

The session will feature booths and demonstrations of family yoga, family self defense and “Mommy and Me” exercises at home. Because fad diets come and go, Ms. Aguon said the university will also feature a seminar about the benefits and dangers of fad diets and their effects on teenagers. There will also be a seminar on

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family members walking and running together.

The University will also include places to learn about games and sports families can enjoy together, quick dishes and snacks to make at home, vegetarian diets and protein drinks, how to recognize eating disorders, and financial fitness. “Door prizes will also be given away,” Ms. Aguon added.

“The FFU is part of Randolph’s IDS,” Colonel Jackson said. “The University this year includes participation from base medical and sports professionals, financial planning and counseling professionals, as well as

representatives from the commissary and the base exchange.”

The IDS is an agency of the base Community Action Information Board, established under Air Force Instruction 90-501. The CAIB is headed by the wing commander and is charged with responsibility for promoting cross-organizational collaboration in addressing individual, family and community quality of life concerns.

On Randolph, there are six IDS agencies: the family support center, life skills support center, family advocacy agency, chapel, health and wellness center and family member support flight.

Among its responsibilities, the IDS works to identify gaps in quality of life services, Colonel Jackson said.

“But the end result is that we try to ensure that all our people, military and civilian alike, have access to the support they need for individual and family concerns, whether in the area of crisis intervention, financial management, counseling, family separation issues or promotion of healthy life styles,” the colonel said.

“New Year’s resolutions are almost always about setting goals to improve performance, relationships or self image,” she said. “Most often success in keeping them takes some level of cooperation with other people. Discovering ways to work together is what the FFU is all about.”

For more information, call the HAWC, 652-2300.

Flying grid stars

Cotton Bowl history includes Randolph

By **Michael Briggs**
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The list of teams that have played in the Cotton Bowl since its inception in 1937 is a who’s who roster of traditional college football powers: Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Alabama and Randolph Field.

Randolph Field!?!

In the days before facemasks on helmets and corporate sponsors on uniforms, the 1943 Randolph Ramblers, featuring the nation’s top passing attack, squared off in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 1, 1944, against the University of Texas Longhorns, who had one of the best defenses in the country.

Led by Glenn Dobbs, an All-American tailback who led Tulsa to a Sun Bowl victory on Jan. 1, 1942, and to a Sugar Bowl appearance the next season, the Ramblers were a team of former college and high school football players who also had a few seasoned captains and a major on the roster.

With World War II under way, many former collegian athletes joined the military after graduation. That was the case with Dobbs, who was acclaimed nationally for his passing and punting skills.

By the accounts in the Dec. 3, 1943, edition of The Randolph Rookie, a base newsletter at the time, the Ramblers varsity football team had played a tough schedule to post a 9-1 record in earning its first-and-only military team invitation to the Cotton Bowl.

“The Rambler football squad received the personal congratulations of commanding officer Colonel Walter C. White on Monday afternoon at their Grater Field dressing room when he brought them official word of their nomination as one of the participating teams in the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas,” read the lead of the main story in The Randolph Rookie.

In another story, the newsletter reported practices would be closed to spectators during the team’s preparations for the game.

“Daily workouts are scheduled for the gridders at Grater Field, but G.I. fans on the post who would like to watch their team go through its drills are apparently doomed to disappointment,” the story read. “... the coaches figure their charges must give their undivided attention to the business of the day — and chatting with buddies on the sidelines might upset matters. Then, too, there is always the possibility that sympathizers of the opposition might slip into a crowd of railbirds.”

The article went on to discuss the weather, “a brisk ‘norther’ that blew in,” and how the players would handle the chilly conditions on game day.

“The ‘Yankees’ chortled with glee and seemed delighted at what they termed ‘real football weather,’” according to the story. “But the lads from the South were not at all pleased with the drop in temperature. As playing coach center Leiland Killian termed it, ‘I’m a fair weather ball player. I’ve got to sweat to enjoy my exercise.’”

As it turned out, the weather was the worst in Cotton Bowl history Jan. 1, 1944, according to an account on the official Web site for the bowl game. The freezing temperatures combined with steady precipitation made for a muddy, slick field and limited the offenses to just seven points each and a combined 260 total yards on just 10 first downs.

The 7-7 final score was the first tie in Cotton Bowl history. There was one winner in the contest, however. Randolph’s share of the gate receipts, \$24,000, was donated to the Army Air Force Aid Society. Gen. Hap Arnold, commander of the Army Air Forces at the time, sent a letter of appreciation to Colonel White, acknowledging the money was the most ever donated to the relief fund by a single Air Force base.



Program cover from 1944 Cotton Bowl

Time fore tee



The Randolph Oaks Golf Course is hosting a Martin Luther King Jr. Day golf tournament Monday. Tee times are 7 and 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$10 for individual best ball gross and net scores. For more information, call the golf course at 652-4570. (Photo by Steve White)

Ro-Hawks open powerlifting season

By Alan Becker
Wingspread contributor

Moton Hopkins gave the Ro-Hawks their biggest lift in Randolph High School history Saturday.

The senior hoisted 605 pounds to set a school record in the dead lift en route to a first place individual finish in the 242-pound weight class during Randolph’s first powerlifting meet of the season at Pleasanton High School.

His effort helped the Randolph varsity boys place third overall at the meet.

Randolph’s other first place finishers were Jamonyca Wilson in the 165-pound class and Paige Carpenter in the 181-pound class.

Ten schools, mostly Division 3A and 4A, participated in the competition. Randolph was one of only two 2A schools represented.

Texas high school powerlifting competition consists of three events: squat, bench press and dead lift. Each student competes within his or her weight class and is allowed three lifts for each event.

Other Randolph athletes who placed in the top five, listed by name, place and weight class, are:



Junior Jamonyca Wilson from Randolph High School competes during a powerlifting meet Saturday at Pleasanton High School. (Courtesy photo)

Boys varsity: Chris Del Frate, 132-pound class; second, 114-pound class; Derek Copeland, second, 198-pound class; and John Flores, fourth,

Girls varsity: Erica Guillen, third, 97-pound class; and Leah Solomon, fifth, 114-pound class.

Boys junior varsity: Kevin Beauchemin, third, 148-pound class; Jordan Miller, fifth, 148-pound class; Brendan Nadeau,

fifth, 165-pound class; and Diego Velez, third, 242-pound class. The next meet takes place Jan. 22 at Hays High School in Buda.

Evasive action



Kent Arnold, 12th Civil Engineer Division, looks for an open player to throw to, while Sean Keaveney, Air Education and Training Command Directorate of Operations, tries to grab his flag Monday night during a playoff intramural flag football game at Grater Field. 12th CE defeated AETC/DO 25-16 to advance to the next round of the playoffs. The championship game is scheduled for Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Grater Field. (Photo by Steve White)



Intramural Bowling Standings

As of Jan. 3		
Team	W	L
SVS #1	88	40
AFSAT	87	41
AFPC	84	44
AFPOA	80	48
JPPSO	74	54
DFAS	70	58
AETC/SC	68	60
AFMA	68	60
SFS	68	60
AETC/LG	67	61
RS	66	62
AETC 900	64	64
MED GP	64	64
AETC/FM	63	65
AFSVA	62	66
CS	62	66
CPTS	56	72
AFPC/ESC	56	72
SVS TOO	54	74
LRS	54	74
AMO #1	53	75
AETC/DP	52	76
AMO TOO	48	80
340 FTG	28	100

TEAM SCRATCH SERIES

Team	Score
SVS TOO	2944
AFPC	2764
AFPOA	2727

TEAM HANDICAP SERIES

Team	Score
AFSVA	3405
AFSAT	3378
SFS	3311

TEAM SCRATCH GAME

Team	Score
SVS	996
AETC/SC	920
JPPSO	910

SCRATCH SERIES

Men	Score
Tim Coble	687
Mike Wiesmann	642
Jim Layman Jr.	625
Women	Score
Heather Hellmann	584
Lori Trainor	496
Lisa Barker	459

SCRATCH GAME

Men	Score
Marcus Scott	279
Al Rutter	244
Chris Anderson	234
Women	Score
Wanda Gailan	191
Amy Cottingham	164
Yolanda Strong	153

SPORTS BRIEFS

Weight training for beginners

The Weight Training for Beginners Class dates changed to Jan. 24 and 26. Weight training for beginners teaches students the benefits of weight training for overall fitness and health.

The free two-session class is in the fitness center conference room from 3-4 p.m and Department of Defense ID holders can attend.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day golf tournament

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For more information, call the golf course at 652-4570.

Ro-Hawks boy basketball

The Randolph Ro-Hawks boy’s basketball team, ranked 11th in the state, improved their season record to 14-3 with two recent wins.

The Ro-Hawks came up with a 51-29 win over Stockdale and a 64-45 victory over George Gervin Academy.

The Ro-Hawks play today at 8 p.m. against Comfort.